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Title

: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SYNCHRONIZING COMMUNICATIONS LINKS IN A

HUB-BASED MEMORY SYSTEM

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 through 1.98, applicant wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office the references set forth on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited foreign patent and non-patent literature references, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), are enclosed. Copies of the cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications will not be submitted herewith in accordance with the waiver by the Office of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003. Although the aforesaid references are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with applicant's duty to disclose all information he is aware of which is believed relevant to the examination of the above-identified application, applicant believes that his invention is patentable.

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/893,709, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on July 15, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/822,275, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on April 8, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/813,040, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 29, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/857,467, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on May 28, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/773,583, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on February 5, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/625,132, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on July 22, 2003. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/747,984, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on December 29, 2003. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/747,917, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on December 29, 2003. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/848,606, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on May 17, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/773,518, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on February 5, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/861,163, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on June 4, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/812,950, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 29, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/773,520, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on February 5, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/769,079, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on January 30, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/797,727, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 8, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/809,839, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 24, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/819,366, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on April 5, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/861,145, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on June 4, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Applicant also wishes to make known to the Patent and Trademark Office that an application, Serial No. 10/810,229, describing and claiming subject matter that is similar to the subject matter of this application, was filed on March 25, 2004. This related application, as well as any prior art cited therein, may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of this related application as filed is submitted herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

Please acknowledge receipt of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and kindly make the cited references of record in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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